GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Non-Aligned Movement
Rao (Avnthi) Shri Muthamsetti Srinivasa

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has skipped the meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;

(c) whether the end of the cold war and India"s growing alliance with the United States makes NAM increasingly irrelevant; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari led the Indian delegation to the 17th Summit of the Non Aligned Movement (NAM) held at Margarita Island in Venezuela from 17-18 September 2016. The 17th NAM Summit was preceded by deliberations at the Ministerial and Senior Official levels from 13-16 September 2016. Minister of State (External Affairs), Shri M.J. Akbar led India's delegation at the Ministerial segment of the 17th NAM Summit.

(c) & (d) With a membership of 118 nations, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is one of the largest groupings of developing countries. It plays an important and active role in articulating an independent point of view of developing countries on international issues. NAM also articulates its position on issues within the United Nations. As a founder member of NAM, India is strongly committed to its principles and objectives. India contributes actively to its deliberations, including at the Summit level, with the aim of strengthening NAM's capabilities to deal with contemporary challenges faced by developing countries.